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In re Patent Application of:  
Henry V. Azibert

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For: Balanced Mechanical Seal Assembly

Examiner: Gilbert Y. Lee

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated January 5, 2006 (Paper No. 20051222), please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 11 of his paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 12 of this paper.